



# Company Connection

## Family Readiness Group Bulletin

A newsletter for the soldiers and families of the 289<sup>th</sup> MP Company

March 2005

### Commander's Corner

This is an exciting time for the 289<sup>th</sup> MP Company. In our last newsletter I discussed the changes the 289<sup>th</sup> has gone through underneath the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), including changing to a tactical combat unit. As a result, our soldiers can now provide even better support of the Global War on Terrorism, including a deployment to Raven Rock in support of Operation Noble Eagle.



CPT Debra Jungers

A group of our MPs are deploying April 3 and are scheduled for a 6-month rotation at Raven Rock. The FRG, led by Angela Kargus, has planned, organized and executed the farewell ceremony for the Fort Myer MPs on April 3. Mrs. Bourns from Fort Hamilton organized a farewell luncheon for the Fort Hamilton MPs on April 1. Both these MP units are now combined into one and called Team Raven. The FRG will continue to support these soldiers and is available to answer any and all questions for family members.

Team Raven has gone through law enforcement training, special task training and weapons qualification at Fort A.P. Hill. There will be a guidon ceremony at Fort Ritchie when the 289<sup>th</sup> officially takes over the mission -- sometime between April 16-22.

The remainder of the Company will continue its work at Fort Myer, providing security and law enforcement in the Fort Myer Military Community and Arlington National Cemetery.

## MP Company Welcomes New First Sergeant

The 289<sup>th</sup> recently welcomed a familiar face as Company First Sergeant -- 1SG Marlene Lease.

During the Change of Responsibility ceremony, 1SG Lease said she was "honored" to continue to serve the 289<sup>th</sup>.

She previously served as Platoon Sergeant and Operations Sergeant for the Fort Myer Military Police

Company. In addition, she has spent time in Germany, Korea, Japan, at Fort Campbell, Ky., and at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

1SG Lease has earned her associate's degree and will finish her bachelor's degree in criminal justice next year. She is married to SFC (P) John Lease.

1SG Lease replaced the retiring Danny Jennings.

### New Leadership

Members of the 289<sup>th</sup> MP Company recently said farewell to 1SG Danny Jennings, pictured on the left. Taking the helm as the new First Sergeant is 1SG Marlene Lease, pictured on the right, who previously served the Company as a PLT SGT. She joins CPT Debra Jungers, middle, in leading the Company.



## Call For Volunteers!

Are you looking to meet new people? Would you be interested in supporting the Company? If so, the FRG needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to help with FRG activities and to serve in leadership roles. Time commitment can be minimal or extensive based on your availability. For more information call Angela Kargus at (703) 971-9481.



## Fort Myer Fast Fact

Did you know that Black Jack -- the caisson's famous riderless horse -- shared the same birth date as legendary Confederate general Robert E. Lee?

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# FORT MYER & FORT BELVOIR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Nationals Baseball Tickets On Sale at Fort Myer

The Fort Myer Recreation Center will offer Washington Nationals Baseball tickets - prime infield box tickets for sections 208, 209, 210 and 220 - for sale to active duty personnel from April 1-7. Tickets are sold in pairs for \$86.

In addition, Upper Level tickets to 80 home games in Section 509 are available for purchase one week in advance of the game and range in price from \$10 to \$15. Eligible MWR patrons include active duty and reserve military personnel, military retirees and their and families.

For more information, see the Fort

Myer Recreation Center staff in Building 405 or inquire by calling (703) 696-3470.

## Chesapeake Bay Trolling Trip Planned

Calling all fisherman! The first trolling excursion for trophy stripers on the Chesapeake Bay is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. The van leaves the Fort Myer Recreation Center at 4 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m. The cost of \$65 per person includes transportation, charter boat with captain, all fishing equipment, and bait. Just bring your own food and beverage, and a cooler to bring home your catch. Space is limited. To reserve you place, call (703) 696-3470.

## Mark Your Calendars

### April

**3:** Raven Rock deployment ceremony, 9 a.m., Ft. Myer Community Center. Refreshments provided.

**5:** Holocaust Museum Tour, free for all soldiers. Buses leave Activities Center at 9:40.

**8:** TOG Aerial Photo, Summerall Field.

**8:** Old Guard Ball, 6 p.m.. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Va. Formal Dress.

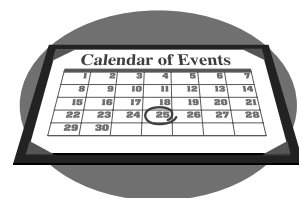
**12:** 9mm Range, Fort A.P. Hill

**15:** TOG Run

### May

**8:** Mother's Day

**30:** Memorial Day Weekend



## PLATOON UPDATES

### Headquarters Platoon

Because of platoon reorganization, Headquarters would like to welcome *SGT Payne, PFC Clark, SPC Duncan, SPC Startz, PFC Long* and *SPC Eck*.

Congratulations to *PFC Kaiser* who gave birth to a baby boy, Isaiah, and *PV2 Gonyea* who gave birth to a baby girl, Faith Katherine. Best of luck with your new additions!

We would also like to congratulate *SSG Bates* and *SGT Spires* who were promoted on 1 March.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon (The Spelunkers)

Due to company reorganization, the soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon have been reassigned within the Company, but we still want to recognize many of them for their hard work and achievements.

We had several incoming soldiers join the platoon. We welcomed *SSG Vallieu* who PCS'd from Fort Lee and *SGT*

*Richardson* who PCS'd from Fort Polk. *SGT Richardson's* wife, Brisa, is also active duty Army and is still at Fort Polk. She will hopefully move to the MDW area in the near future. *SPC Stavrakos* joined the platoon from Germany.

In terms of training, *SPC Kerr* attended and graduated from Non-Lethal Instructors Course. *SPC Pate* and *PFC Goulart* graduated from Combat Lifesavers Course. Currently, *SGT Runyon* is attending Apprentice Special Agent Course at Fort Leonard Wood. *SPC West* is attending Military Working Dog Handler Course in Texas. *SGT Richardson, SGT Smith, SPC Kerr*, and *SPC Taylor* attended and graduated from HAZMAT course. *SGT Patterson* earned the coveted Buff Strap from the Regimental Orientation Program.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon (The Outlaws)

Since our last newsletter, the Outlaws have been very busy leading the way in all aspects of the Company. Promotions

are always hard earned in the "Outlaw" platoon. We recently promoted *SGT Kopytko, SPC Fisher, SPC Livermore* and *PFC Lyle*.

*SGT Donahue* and *SPC Vair* swept the Company and Regimental NCO and "Soldier of the Month" boards for February. *SPC Ynostrosa* won the company "Soldier of the Month" for February, too. Many hours of personal time and a strong sense of dedication to duty go into preparing for and winning these boards

The Outlaws not only take care of business here at home, but have also been off training to expanded their expertise and professionalism. In addition, we have received three new soldiers in to the fold. *SSG Chang* joined us from Germany, *SPC Haidar* who also joined the company from Germany by way of Iraq, and *SPC Fisher* and his wife Jacki who recently returned from Korea. Welcome to all!

## Mission Statement

To establish and promote ongoing communication, involvement, friendship and recognition between families and the Army. To encourage participation of family members and friends in activities that benefit the 289<sup>th</sup> MP Company.